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DEFICIENCY DUE TO INEFFICIENCY.

Medford's monthly income from water rentals is from \$450 to \$700 per month. These figures are nearly double those of a year ago on account of the increased rates put in effect last winter, but not nearly what they should be.

Ashland, with no more inhabitants than Medford, has water receipts from three to four times the size of Medford. The fact that the Granite City has a better water supply does not account for the difference in receipts for the water departments of the two cities. In June Ashland's water rentals at a lower average rate than those in effect in Medford, totaled \$2400. Medford totaled \$671, a difference of over \$1700, due to poor management.

Whether it is incompetence in the water department, or defective measuring apparatus, or some other excuse, the fact remains that Medford realizes less from water than any city its size. The rates are high enough, but consumers are not forced to pay for the water actually supplied.

About a million gallons of water is pumped a day in Medford in summer. This is supposed to be sold at 10 cents per 1000 gallons, which would be an income of about \$100 a day. Instead of this, the actual income is \$20, or 2 cents per 1000 gallons. What becomes of the balance? Why is it not collected?

Take one instance which shows the management: A business block pays from \$5 to \$8 a month for water. But little water is used. There are no dentists, barbers or other large water consumers in the building. The owner also has a good-sized residence, a large family and a lawn, which is kept green through constant use of water. The water rental at his home was \$1.25 for June and he used at least ten times the quantity of water used in the block. Take most any lawn that is kept green. Examine the water bill, look at the meter. You will see the discs fail to revolve. This shows where part of the trouble lies. But it does not explain all. Why are not these meters inspected and kept in repair?

No individual or firm would run his business as the city runs its water department. If private ownership obtained, water used would be paid for and water rentals would equal those of Ashland. Why is water used not paid for now? Why is it not charged?

Municipal ownership of a lighting plant proved a failure in Medford on account of the inefficiency and incompetency in those trusted by the city to manage it. Private ownership is not a failure, simply because business methods are applied.

Municipal ownership of water in Medford has always been a failure, for the same reason that lighting was a fizzle. But there is no good reason why it should be. It is not a failure in Ashland, in Baker City or other towns the size of Medford. Have these places any more brains or ability or honesty than Medford? Why, then, can Medford not secure efficient management of municipal affairs?

If with the present inexpensive water system, income sufficient to pay expenses cannot be realized, how can the municipality hope to make both ends meet under a far more expensive plant with many times the investment? If the city cannot secure and retail water at a profit from a stream 20 miles away?

It is up to the municipal authorities and to the water department to prove capacity and ability by running the present system at a profit, for the water is here and the consumers are here, and the profit should be. If this cannot be done, they should not be trusted with a costly system, for management which cannot make a small business with a proportionately large income pay, cannot make the same business with a much greater capitalization and but slightly enlarged income pay.

WHAT IS A DEPOT?

What is a depot?

The dictionary defines a depot as "a building for the convenience of passengers on a railroad."

Is the building erected by the Rogue River Valley railroad at Medford a depot?

Not in the dictionary sense of the word—not in any other sense of the word.

When the railroad obtained a special permit from the council to erect a wooden structure in the fire limits, it was with the promise that an "ornamental depot" would be erected, and the permission to violate the city statute given solely for the benefit of the public.

When the Southern Pacific leased the ground at a nominal figure to the Rogue River Valley Railroad company

it was with the written agreement that it be used for passengers, for the benefit of the public.

The R. R. V. railroad has erected a building, a part of which is used as a freight depot, the balance as stores, which are rented. There is a restaurant and a nursery office, but no place for the passenger to stand or sit. Meals are sold and trees are sold, but no tickets.

If the Southern Pacific will only lease its right of way at a dollar a year, we will all go into the business of erecting stores for rent on the city's main thoroughfare. But it won't—to the rest of us.

The lease and the permit were evidently obtained under false pretenses, for the public hasn't a lookin' at this "depot."

SHORT STORIES.

"Ain't it awful, Mabel?" is New York's latest catch phrase.

The Mexican Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has issued an appeal to tourists, begging them to leave out bullfights.

A large swarm of bees has moved into the Peterboro (N. H.) Masonic hall, going in and out around the window casings. They can be seen working almost every day.

There was a space in the gallery of the Oklahoma senate set apart for colored people, and only two colored men made use of it during the whole of the 100 days' session.

A Sanborn (N. H.) writer says that 101 of the sons of that town fought in the Revolution and fifty in the civil war. Of these latter, six were killed and thirteen wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville.

A large number of concrete houses are to be erected on Long Island by a New York syndicate. The buildings will have fronts of pressed brick and will be fireproof. Two hundred will be built this year.

Home Notes.

Do not use soap in cleaning marble table tops and mantels. It yellows them. Better results are had from washing with water softened with ammonia.

Rolls may be freshened even when very stale by dipping each one quickly in ice water and heating in the oven until crisp. If eaten while hot they resemble zwieback.

If a gruel pot is allowed to stand on stones or something cold for a minute or two after cooking it will not cool the contents very much and will make sticking less probable.

If a broom has worn unevenly, its life may be prolonged by soaking the straws in warm water for three-quarters of an hour, then tying the straws tightly together and trimming the ends with a long pair of scissors.

Fly Catches.

Manager Fred Clarke of the Pittsburgs has been in the National league for fifteen years and has not lost a bit of his class.

Addie Joss, the crack Cleveland pitcher, says that base running is the biggest factor of all in a championship race.

Ed Sweeney, the New York American's catching recruit, has made a big hit with the fans by his peppery work and accurate throwing.

Manager Gauzel of the Cincinnati Reds declares that he prefers right hand hitters to left handed batsmen. Miller Huggins is the only left handed batter on the Red's line-up, and just about now it looks like a winning combination.

Laughter.

A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market—Charles Lamb.

No man who has once heartily and wholly laughed can be altogether irreluctantly bad—Carlyle.

I am persuaded that every time a man smiles—much more so when he laughs—it adds something to this fragment of life—Sterne.

Laugh and grow fat. If you should grow exorbitantly fat by laughing, laughing still will keep you in healthy motion—Henry Giles.

If we consider the frequent relief we receive from laughter and how often it breaks the gloom which is apt to depress the mind, one would take care not to grow too wise for so great a pleasure of life—Addison.

Bathing Don'ts.

Don't enter the water if you have eaten within an hour.

Don't, if you are fat, neglect a daily sea bath. Sea swimming is the best and quickest reducer known.

Don't have a set duration for the bath. It is best always to come out at the slightest premonition of cold.

Don't go to the water cold. It is best to go in warm, even slightly perspiring. He who begins his bath perspiring gets the best results.

Don't plug the ears with cotton. Cotton does not keep out the wet, since it at once becomes saturated. Further more, no water can find its way to the drum of a normal ear—New York Press.

A Little Vinegar.

A little vinegar added to the water in which fish is boiled will remove the strong, oily taste.

When added to the water in which fowl is boiled, vinegar tends to make the flesh more tender.

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FOR SALE—Team of ponies, thoroughly broke for saddle or driving, single or double; also hack and harness; a snap. Apply L. R. F., Tribune office.

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FOR SALE—Two horse covered express wagon, in good condition, with double harness, cheap. See Lawton or Hubbard Bros. 106

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FOR SALE—Residence property; 7 rooms and bath, city water, electric lights, sewer connection. F. C. Page.

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WANTED—Good stenographer who can handle some bookkeeping and write house accounts. Address P. O. box 571, Medford, Oregon.

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SCAB APPEARS UPON CLACKAMAS APPLES

Clackamas county apples, especially the Yellow Newtowns and Bellflowers, will not be in their prime this year, as scab has appeared on the skins. This is due to the late spring. Under the skin the apples are as good as ever, but their outward appearance is defective. The rosy red apples are not affected like the light skinned fruit. Proper spraying may cause some of the scab to disappear, but there is sure to be some of it. County Fruit Inspector Lewis states that there will not be as much San Jose scale this year as last year.

FOUR DEER BAGGED NEAR SODA SPRINGS

R. H. Whitehead and Dr. Adkins have returned from a two and a half weeks' outing at Dead Indian soda springs. Next week they leave for the Klamath Falls. They bagged two deer last week.

Messrs. Murphy and Downing are camped at the springs this week. Mr. Murphy got two deer on the trail the morning of the 16th.

LOCAL MARKET.

The following quotations are an impartial report of the prices paid by Medford dealers:

- Wheat—\$1 per bushel.
- Flour—\$2.70 per cwt.
- Whole barley—\$20 per ton.
- Hay—\$12 per ton.
- Alfalfa—\$10 per ton.
- New potatoes—\$1.25 per cwt.
- Butter—40c per roll.
- Lard—10c per pound.
- Beans—5c per pound.
- Eggs—22 1/2c per dozen.
- Sugar—\$6.50 per cwt.
- Turkeys—13c per pound.
- Poultry—Spring, \$2 to \$3; hens, \$5.50 to \$6 per dozen.
- Hams—12c per pound.
- Shoulders—10c per pound.
- Hogs—4 1/2c to 6c per pound.
- Cattle—2 1/2 to 3 1/2c per pound.

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